

REMARKS

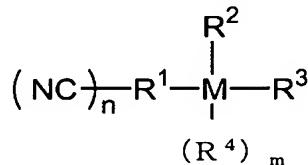
Claims 1, 2, 4-9 and 11-13 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, the specification and claims 1, 2 and 9 are amended; claims 3 and 10 are canceled. The amended claims 1 and 2 incorporate the subject matter of the canceled claims. Claim 9 is amended to correct the articles of the claim. No new matter is added.

The specification is objected to for failing to claim foreign priority at the beginning of the application. The specification has been amended to incorporate this claim, and therefore has overcome the objection. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 2, 5 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Waratani et al. (JP-A-08-191162) (Waratani). Without conceding the propriety of the rejection, and in the interest of advancing prosecution, independent claims 1 and 2 are amended herein to include the limitations of non-rejected claims 3 and 10, respectively. Accordingly, the rejection is overcome and must be withdrawn. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 3, 4, 7, 8 and 10-13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Waratani in view of Yamada (JP-A-06-180456). These rejection is respectfully traversed.

As admitted in the Office Action, Waratani fails to disclose a compound in or making up the reformed layer that has the specific structure of (Chemical formula 1):



where the substituents are as defined in claims 1 and 2. The Office Action relies on Yamada to cure the deficiency of Waratani. However, Yamada fails to teach or suggest compounds of chemical formula 1 for use in a thin film transistor. Yamada, instead, discloses the use of a

silane coupling agent for use in coating a liquid crystal display to provide a spacer for the liquid crystal. See paragraphs [0010]-[0013] of Yamada. Thus, there is no suggestion or motivation to use the compound disclosed in Yamada and combine it with the field effect transistor of Waratani in place of the different compounds used in Waratani. Further, the applied references fail to teach or suggest that the results achieved by the subject claims would have been expected. Thus, claim 1 is patentable over the applied references.

Claim 2 is amended to contain the subject matter of canceled claim 10. Claim 2 contains similar subject matter to that of claim 1, and thus is patentable over the applied references for similar reasons.

For at least these reasons, independent claims 1 and 2 and the claims dependent therefrom are patentable over the cited references. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

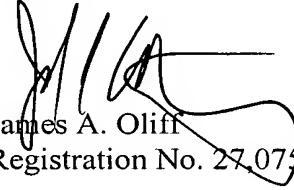
Claim 9 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Waratani in view of Matsuzawa et al. (JP-A-09-167764) (Matsuzawa). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The claims are patentable over Waratani and Yamada for at least the reasons discussed above. Matsuzawa fails to cure the deficiencies of Katsumori and Yamada, thus claim 9 is also patentable over the applied references. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of all pending claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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